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For: **Melanocortin 1 Receptor Selective Compounds**
Inventors: Szardenings *et al.*
Our Ref: 1085.0050000/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (8 sheets) and accompanying (22) references; and
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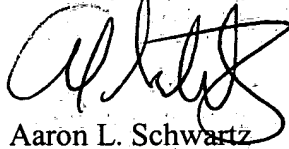
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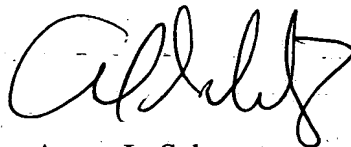
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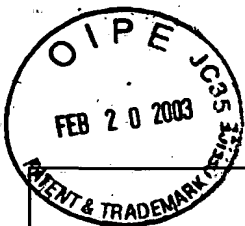
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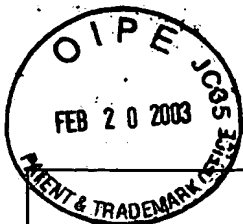
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